Draft Social Studies GSEs posted for review

We are in the final stages of an initiative to expand the Civics GSEs to include strands in geography and economics and to expand the current Historical Perspectives strand. The draft strands have been finalized and are posted online for public and LEA review through October 24.

We recommend that review of the GSEs and glossary be conducted through a group review process. Directions for the review process can be found at www.ride.ri.gov/Instruction/DOCS/CIVICS/GSEsExp/GSEs_Review_Directions.doc and on the first page of each review-form packet.

The draft GSEs review forms have been posted by grade span and content area, at: www.ride.ri.gov/Instruction/civics.aspx. An overview of the expansion process and timeline can also be found on that page.

Please contact Kamlyn Keith (kamlyn.keith@ride.ri.gov) if a team of educators from your LEA or school is planning on reviewing the GSEs or if you have any questions about the review process.

Formative Assessment Professional Development
Module 1 of the Linking Learning & Assessment online course is now available on the IMS. LEAs planning to use the modules this year must submit their complete TCS data to RIDE *prior to* launching the PD. In addition, educators must validate their email address for RIDEmap in order to access the IMS. Once these two steps have been taken, educators can be enrolled in the course. Please contact Laura Kacewicz at laura.kacewicz@ride.ri.gov or 222-8993 if you have questions about this process.

Interim Assessments
Interim Assessments: Principals and Administrative Staff will indeed have the ability to print test materials (test booklets, answer sheets, online login tickets). This will be available Oct 29th – the same date teachers have this functionality. Administrative staff must be set up by the District SSO administrative to have this role. Please contact Jessica Brown with questions

Interim Assessment Important Dates
October 1st: Practice test is available in Test Management. District user will need to assign the test to schools. Students should practice prior to testing in November.

Oct 16th: Content tests available in Test Management for Districts to assign to schools. Test Administration Manual will also be available in the system. Also, by this date RIDE needs to know which schools will be testing within the district so that RIDE can help coordinate boxes for shipping back paper answer sheets to Measured Progress.

October 29th: First day of Testing Window so that test materials may be printed and prepared for testing. Also, the date that Measured Progress will send boxes for shipping paper answer sheets back.

November 1st: First day in which testing can begin.

November 16th: Last day for testing.

November 19th: UPS will arrive at schools to pick up paper answer sheets.

Importance of TCS Data for Interim Assessments:
If your district data managers haven't submitted their Teacher-Course-Student (TCS) data to RIDE, please ensure that they do so. This is critical for many of the new technology systems, but especially for the Interim Assessments so that the right students and tests show up in the system for teachers, and so that tests can be assigned – including the Practice Test! Also make sure that every teacher has a RIDEmap account set up.

Instructions on Setting up Administrative Assistants in SSO for Interim Assessments

The SSO administrator should sign into RIDEmap. Then click on his/her user name in the top right corner of the screen. Then click "Update User Profile" to enter into the Single Sign-on screen. Then click "Administration Menu". Then click "Account Management". Then click "Account Search".

Once in the account search screen, the SSO admin should search for the user by entering the first initial of the first name and the complete last name. Then click "Search". Once they locate the user, click on the blue hyper link listed for that user. It will be the user's username.

This will take the SSO Administrator into the user's profile screen. It will be titled "Manage Account". Click on the button named "Role Assignment". Within the "Selected Groups" region, all the roles that are already assigned to this user are listed. If you do not see the role named "IMS_IA_Assist" listed, Click on the button named "Select Additional Groups" to assign this role to this user.

Your district name should be opened in the folder under the "Department of Education" folder. Click on the "+" sign next to "Your district Schools" folder to expand it. Then click the "+" sign next to the folder for your School. Then click on the "+" sign next to "Your School Roles" folder to expand it.

Then click on the "IMS_IA_Assist" role. Close the window by clicking the ""Close Window" button at the bottom of the screen. Then click the "Save Changes" button on the "Manage User Account Role Assignment" screen to save the role you just added to this user. Click the "Cancel" button on the "Manage Account" screen to return to the "Account Search" screen.

Repeat by searching for the next user in the "Account Search" screen

For support and questions on this process please contact: https://support.ride.ri.gov/ and submit a ticket.

Instructional Management System

On Monday, October 15th from 1-4pm the Office of Instruction, Assessment, and Curriculum will host an information session on the IMS for district administrators. The session is intended to be a high-level introduction for district administrators who have attended training and would like to have a better understanding of the different resources available through the IMS. This session is not training on how to use the IMS, but is designed to help districts understand the functionality available as they make decisions regarding implementation.

 The session will be held in room 301C of the Shepherd Building. Please register for this session through the RIDE workshop calendar **http://www.ride.ri.gov/applications/ridecalendar.aspx** (search for IMS Info Session) as space in the computer lab is limited.

Informational webinar on EXCEED RTI
Please see this notice from the Office of Instruction, Assessment, and Curriculum:
RIDE will host an informational webinar on EXCEED RTI, one of the components available through the Instructional Management System (IMS). This webinar will serve as an opportunity for district and school leaders to learn more about EXCEED RTI in order to make decisions around implementation. Topics covered will include:
- What is EXCEED RTI?

- EXCEED RTI features and functionality
- Why should I use EXCEED RTI?
- Deployment information and timelines
- Resources available

The webinar will be held on Wednesday, October 31 from 3:00-4:00 pm. To sign up for the webinar please visit https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/790795678 to register.

Data Use Professional Development

RIDE and Wireless Generation look forward to delivering Day 4 of the Data Use Professional Development Series starting at the end of October. Additionally, Data Coaches are in the process of reaching out to schools individually to schedule and discuss the first on-site coaching visit. If you have any questions or ongoing feedback about the Data Use Professional Development Series, please contact Lindsay Wepman at Lindsay.wepman@ride.ri.gov or Dan Costello at dcostello@wgen.net.